

Philadelphia will come together to honor that milestone and the life of this dynamic leader. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House join me in honoring her today.

This is an honor she richly deserves.

PARIS CLIMATE SUMMIT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Paris Climate Summit.

This international summit provides us with a historic opportunity to collectively tackle climate change head on.

An agreement from this summit would—for the first time—produce an ambitious, effective, and transparent international work plan.

Thanks to President Obama, our nation has already made real progress in addressing climate change.

The President has taken bold steps with the Clean Power Plan, which sets the first-ever carbon pollution standards for power plants. By 2030, this plan would prevent up to 3,600 premature deaths and 90,000 asthma attacks in children—while spurring economic growth by creating tens of thousands of jobs and saving average families nearly \$85 a year in energy costs.

It's a win-win for families, public health and our planet.

Sadly, Republicans are trying to dismantle these and other limits on polluters and pollution at every turn.

Mr. Speaker, we have a moral obligation to protect our world for future generations by investing in renewable energy sources.

I am proud that my district is home to more than 70 solar companies. In the East Bay, our green energy future is rapidly being transformed into a reality.

Now, our nation and the world must join this movement. Too many people, especially in communities of color and low-income communities, are already feeling the impact of climate change on their daily lives. It's past time to address this issue. Our children and grandchildren deserve a planet worth inheriting.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call numbers 656, 658, and 664, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YES.

TRIBUTE TO THE GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM OF CHEROKEE TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team of

Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado on winning the 2015 Colorado 5A State Championship game on November 14, 2015.

The students and staff who were a part of the title winning Cougar team deserve the utmost respect and commendation for winning in what has been a season full of challenges. Following the tragic death of one of their players, Celeste James, and a serious injury to another, Amazing Ashby, the Cherokee Trail Cougars showed courage in the face of true adversity to complete an amazing title winning season which honored their teammates.

In their dominant performances in the State Championships, the girls of Cherokee Trail High School's volleyball team proved that hard work, dedication, and perseverance is the perfect recipe for champions. These volleyball players were led to the championship title through the tireless leadership of their head coach, Terry Miller, and his commendable staff.

I also congratulate the educators and parents of this superb team. The faculty who supported the Cougars throughout the season must be recognized. No team, no matter how talented and committed, can rise to the level of State Champions without exceptional support and guidance from their teachers and parents.

It is with great pride that I join all of the residents of Aurora, Colorado, in congratulating the Cherokee Trail Cougars on their State Championship.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSANNE S.

FOUST

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rosanne S. Foust for twelve years of exemplary service on the City Council of Redwood City, including two years as Mayor and Vice Mayor. She leaves with a distinguished legacy of leadership, innovation and lasting contributions to the residents of Redwood City. I've had the great pleasure to work with Rosanne on many occasions and am fortunate to call her a good friend.

Rosanne brought decades of business experience to the council. She is the President and CEO of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association, SAMCEDA, the oldest countywide business organization on the Peninsula. Before that, Rosanne had a successful 20-year career with Alsace Development International USA, an international trade and development company.

During her time on the council, Rosanne served on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. The transportation authority creates roads and mass transit infrastructure. Service on the board is difficult because there is never enough money to meet the needs of a booming economy. While prioritizing local projects and negotiating amongst local agencies, Rosanne Foust quickly became known for her fair and well-reasoned approach to identifying community transportation priorities. Her transportation decisions exemplified the maxim "Think globally, act locally."

Her dedication to the community is also demonstrated by her service on the city's Planning Commission, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and through her public service programming at Peninsula Television. She is also a long-time member of the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

Business cannot survive without water. When the water supply for San Francisco and the Peninsula was endangered by an ill-conceived ballot measure in San Francisco, Rosanne led the local effort in the successful campaign to defeat the measure.

Rosanne Foust never loses sight of the people left behind by our booming economy. She is a champion of affordable housing and understands how skyrocketing housing prices and rents are squeezing working families out of the Bay Area. Just recently, she led the city council to increase the number of affordable housing units within a new downtown project of 2,500 housing units from the proposed 250 apartments to the final agreement—375. More than 125 additional working families will now be able to live in downtown Redwood City. This is just one of many examples of her advocacy on behalf of equal economic opportunity.

Redwood City is fortunate to have a leader in Rosanne Foust. She has served as the treasurer and board member of Casa de Redwood, a low-cost housing complex for 136 senior citizens. Rosanne was willing to take time from her family and business priorities to serve as a steward of housing for these otherwise vulnerable members of our community. In Rosanne Foust, the community has had a vocal advocate for social justice.

Her tireless efforts to benefit our community have not gone unnoticed. The San Francisco Business Times honored her as one of the "Most Influential Women in Business in the Bay Area" in 2009 and 2010 and a member of the "Forever Influential Honor Roll" for 2011, 2012 and 2013. Notre Dame de Namur University honored her as the first Alumna of Distinction in 2013. The Redwood City Chamber of Commerce named her Person of the Year in 2002 and 2013 and Athena Businesswoman of the Year in 2002.

Rosanne was born and raised in Connecticut. She earned an MA in Public Administration and a BA in International Studies and Economics. She also completed executive management programs at Stanford University and UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management. Rosanne is married to Jim Hartnett and they are the proud parents of Julia and Lydia Foust and Josh and Jake Hartnett.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Rosanne Foust for twelve years of public service on the City Council of Redwood City. She will now relinquish to others the duties of diligent analysis and thoughtful commentary on the issues that shape her city each day. Her example sets a high standard for those who follow. Rosanne Foust led Redwood City with her heart, and its residents will forever benefit by that remarkable contribution to its future.